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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NOTICE OF DISSATISFACTION WITH SABENA
BUDGET FARE

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT TO BELGIAN AUTHORITIES
SOONEST, AND IN ANY EVENT, NLT DECEMBER 29, A NOTICE OF
DISSATISFACTION WITH SABENA ECONOMY-CLASS BUDGET FARES.

2. SUGGESTED TEXT: QUOTE ON DECEMBER 14, SABENA FILED
TARIFF REVISIONS PROPOSING NEW ECONOMY-CLASS BUDGET FARES
FRO TRAVEL NEW YORK-BRUSSELS, AT A LEVEL OF 148 DOLLARS
ONE WAY, OR 290 DOLLARS ROUND TRIP. THE NEW FARES ARE
FOR EFFECTIVENESS JANUARY 29, 1978. NOTICE OF
DISSATISFACTION WITH THIS FILING IS HEREBY GIVEN IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION V(F) OF THE ANNEX TO THE
US-BELGIAN AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT OF APRIL 5,
1946. THIS NOTICE DOES NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE THAT THE
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USG INTENDS TO SUSPEND THE TARIFF IN QUESTION. UNQUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT EMPHASIZES THAT PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE
AT THIS POINT IS PURELY DEFENSIVE, I.E. IT SHOULD BE
VIEWED AS A PROCEDURAL STEP NECESSARY IF THE USG DECIDES
AT A LATER DATE TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE SABENA FARES.

PAN AM HAS ALSO FILED A NEW YORK-BRUSSELS BUDGET FARE,
BUT ITS FILING HAS A LATER DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS THAN THE
SABENA FARE. DEPARTMENT WISHES MERELY TO ENSURE
THAT IF GOB DECIDES TO SUSPEND OR REJECT THE PAN AM
FILING, THEN USG HAS SOME MEANS OF RECOURSE AVAILABLE
TO IT. DEPARTMENT FULLY EXPECTS THAT SABENA FARE WOULD
BE APPROVED IF PAN AM FARE WERE APPROVED BY GOB. EMBASSY
SHOULD USE FOREGOING AS TALKING POINTS WHEN PRESENTING
NOTE TO BELGIAN AUTHORITIES. VANCE

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